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IN THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete listing of the pending claims along with status.

- 1. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An axlc assembly for a vehicle comprising:
- an axle shaft having a first end and a second end, said axle shaft mounted for rotation within a housing, said first end and said second end extending outside of said housing;
 - a hub fixed to said first end of said axle shaft; and
- a brake assembly including a rotor disposed outside of said housing and attached to said axle shaft adjacent said second end, wherein said second end is spaced apart from said hub a first length greater than an axial length of said housing.

2-3. (CANCELLED)

- 4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The assembly of claim 1, wherein said brake assembly includes an actuator mounted to said housing for actuating a caliper for selectively engaging said rotor.
- 5. (CANCELLED)
- 6. (ORIGINAL) The assembly of claim 4, wherein said actuator is pneumatically operated.
- 7. (ORIGINAL) The assembly of claim 4, wherein said actuator is hydraulically actuated.
- 8. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The assembly of claim 1, including bearing assemblies disposed within said housing for supporting rotation of said axle shaft relative to said housing.
- 9-10. (CANCELLED)
- 11. (ORIGINAL) The assembly of claim 1, wherein said housing is mountable to a suspension arm.

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- 12. (ORIGINAL) The assembly of claim 11, wherein said suspension arm is pivotally mountable to a frame of a motor vehicle.
- 13. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A brake assembly comprising:
- an axle shaft supported for rotation within an axle housing, said axle shaft having a first end and a second end;
 - a hub fixed to said first end of said axle shaft;
 - a rotor fixed adjacent said second end of said axle shaft outside of said axle housing; and
- a first brake pad and a second brake pad supported within a caliper mounted to said axle housing and selectively engagable with said rotor.
- 14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The assembly of claim 13, further including a brake actuator for moving said <u>first</u> brake <u>pad and said second brake padpads</u> into engagement with said rotor.
- 15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The assembly of claim 13, including bearing assemblies disposed within said <u>axle</u> housing for supporting said axle shaft for rotation relative to said <u>axle</u> housing.
- 16. (CANCELLED)
- 17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The assembly of claim 13, including seals disposed between said axle housing and said axle shaft.
- 18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The assembly of claim 13, wherein said <u>axle</u> housing is mountable to a trailing arm pivotally attachable to a frame member on a first end and supported by a suspension member on a second end.

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19. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A brake assembly comprising:

a housing having an axial length;

an axle supported for rotation within said housing, said axle having a first end portion and a second end portion both extending outwardly from said housing, said second end portion spaced apart from said first end portion a length greater than said axial length of said housing;

a wheel hub attached to said first end portion of said axle;

a rotatable brake member attached to said second end portion; and

an actuator for selectively moving friction members into engagement with said rotatable brake member.

- 20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The assembly as recited in claim 19 wherein said rotatable brake memberineter comprises a rotor.
- 21. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The assembly as recited in claim 20 wherein said actuator comprises a caliper for supporting movement of said friction members into engagement with said rotor.
- 22. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The assembly as recited in claim 19 wherein said housing is supported on a trailing arm, said trailing arm pivotally attachable to a vehicle frame member.
- 23. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The assembly as recited in claim 19, wherein said rotatable brake member is accessible without removal of a wheel mounted to said wheel hub.
- 24. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The assembly as recited in claim 19, wherein said axial length of said housing is greater than a length of a vehicle wheel rim measured along an axis of rotation.